

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks. Claims 1-24 are currently pending in this application, of which claims 1 and 13 are independent. In the Final Office Action dated August 7, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 1-10 and 13-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 7,000,187 ("*Messinger*") and rejected claims 11, 12, 23, and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over *Messinger* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,061,695 ("*Slivka*").

In response, Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 13 to more particularly define the claimed invention. No new subject matter has been added. Support for the amendments may be found, for example, at page 24, paragraph 94. Applicants submit that amended claims 1 and 13 and their respective dependent claims 2-12 and 14-17 overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Specifically, amended claims 1 and 13 recite, among other things, that "patterns with respect to screen structure and semantics of the user interface are constructed based on a role of the user and wherein the patterns of the user interface are selected from a common pool of user interface patterns based on the particular business activity." As explained in Applicants' disclosure, a user interface generated based on the user's role may include one or more quick activity floorplans (e.g., the floorplans shown in FIG. 5). The activity floorplans provide, among other things, patterns with respect to screen structure and semantics on the user interface. More specifically, the

patterns of the screen structure and layout are selected for the particular business activity being performed from “a common pool of user interface patterns” that have been predefined for use in activity floorplans. (See Applicants’ disclosure at page 24, paragraph 94). In this way, amended claims 1 and 13 generate a user interface that “provides information to the user based on tasks and events that the user needs to accomplish or monitor” while simplifying the generation process by selecting the patterns suitable for the business activity from a common pool of user interface patterns. (See Applicants’ Disclosure, at page 8, paragraph 46 and at page 24, paragraph 94).

Applicants submit that *Messinger* at least fails to show or suggest the above claimed features. In particular, the Examiner has pointed out that *Messinger* merely shows that “tasks displayed in task list 43 are dependent upon . . . [whether the user is] a high level network administrator or a low level network administrator.” Final Office Action, page 6. Nowhere in *Messinger* is it shown or suggested that “patterns with respect to screen structure and semantics of the user interface are constructed based on a role of the user and wherein the patterns of the user interface are selected from a common pool of user interface patterns based on the particular business activity.” Accordingly, Applicants submit that at least because *Messinger* fails to show or suggest each and every feature of amended independent claims 1 and 13, amended claims 1 and 13 are not anticipated by *Messinger* under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). Applicants also submit that because *Messinger* is exclusively relied on in the rejections of dependent claims 11, 12, 23, and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) to show the elements incorporated

into these claims through their dependency on the independent claims, claims 11, 12, 23, and 24 are also not obvious for at least the above reasons.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants submit that this claimed invention, as amended, is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious in view of the prior art references cited against this application. Applicants therefore request the Examiner's reconsideration and reexamination of the application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,  
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated: October 29 2007

By: 

Cathy C. Ding  
Reg. No. 52,820